



19           **WHEREAS**, the Action Plan recognizes that there are not enough emergency shelter  
20 beds available to people who need them, resulting in people being turned away or not  
21 attempting to ask for a bed in shelters; and

22           **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20170810-033 directed the City Manager to assess City-  
23 owned buildings and identify possibilities for one or more temporary, short-term emergency  
24 shelters and to provide the City Council with cost estimates for operation and maintenance;  
25 and

26           **WHEREAS**, an increasing number of Austin residents living unsheltered,  
27 experiencing exposure, malnutrition, and unhygienic conditions increases the likelihood of  
28 victimization, poor physical and mental health, and public health consequences; and

29           **WHEREAS**, the National Alliance to End Homelessness views shelter as a key  
30 component to our homeless response system; and

31           **WHEREAS**, the National Alliance recognizes the current availability of immediate  
32 family shelter resources and the overwhelming need for individual shelter resources; and

33           **WHEREAS**, the Action Plan proposes providing safe places for people to be during  
34 the day as well as overnight allowing consistent contact with service providers and the ability  
35 to more quickly move to stable housing; and

36           **WHEREAS**, the Action Plan recognizes that clients receiving shelter services must  
37 have access to affordable, low-barrier housing in order to end their homelessness; and

38           **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20190131-078 directed the City Manager to provide a  
39 report on the best options for piloting immediate shelter and support services for those  
40 experiencing homelessness with the intent of providing a pathway to permanent housing;

41 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

42 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

43           The City Council directs the City Manager to begin negotiations to purchase a  
44 property identified or referenced in the Report prepared in response to Resolution No.  
45 2019013-078 and present City Council with a property to purchase no later than June 20,  
46 2019.

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

48           The City Council directs the City Manager to include in the proposed Fiscal Year 2020  
49 Budget funds necessary and sufficient for piloting an immediate housing-focused shelter  
50 (Housing-Focused Shelter Pilot) with support services for those experiencing homelessness  
51 dedicated to providing a pathway to permanent housing. These funds shall include a Housing  
52 First Rapid Rehousing and/or Permanent Supportive Housing rental assistance and support  
53 services program for clients of the Housing Focused Shelter Pilot. These support services  
54 include housing location assistance, rehabilitation and life skills training.

55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

56           The City Council directs the City Manager to develop a scope of services and initiate  
57 a procurement process for piloting shelter operations and on-site housing and other support

58 services for a small Housing-Focused Shelter Pilot of 50-100 beds that utilize best practices  
59 identified by the National Alliance to End Homelessness including but not limited to:

- 60 • Focusing on housing individuals as quickly as possible,
- 61 • Treating each person’s episode of homelessness as an urgent crisis that needs a  
62 quick permanent housing resolution,
- 63 • Serving people with typical barriers to shelter, for example, by providing innovative  
64 personal storage solutions, the option for allowing pets, accommodating special  
65 needs, and serving people using substances and/or with mental illness,
- 66 • Developing a housing exit strategy for the shelter, and
- 67 • Decreasing long-stays and returns to the shelter.

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**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary